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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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In re Patent Application of:  
Thiemo BLANK

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For: METAL STRUCTURE COMPATIBLE WITH  
MRI IMAGING, AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING SUCH A STRUCTURE

Examiner: T. J. Neal

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 17, 2007, for which a response is due on January 17, 2007. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.**